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## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/685)*]

### 54/237. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

**A**

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 54/1, 54/2 and 54/3 of 14 September 1999,

*Recalling also* the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions with respect to the assessment of the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga as non-member States,[1]

*Recalling further* its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 53/36 E of 18 December 1998 and its decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992,

1. *Decides* that the rate of assessment for the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga, admitted to membership of the United Nations on 14 September 1999, should be 0.001 per cent for the years 1999 and 2000;

2. *Also decides* that the contributions of the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga for the year 1999 should be calculated on the basis of one twelfth of their rate of

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/51/11), sect. V; and ibid., *Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/53/11), chap. V.

assessment for the year 1999 per full calendar month of membership and that a corresponding adjustment should be made in their assessments for the year 1999 as non-member States;

3. *Further decides* that the contributions of the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga for the years 1999 and 2000 should otherwise be applied to the same basis of assessment as for other Member States, except that, in the case of appropriations or apportionments approved by the General Assembly for the financing of peacekeeping operations, the contributions of the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga, as determined by the group of Member States to which they may be assigned by the Assembly, should be calculated in proportion to the calendar year;

4. *Decides* that the 1999 assessments of the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga should be taken into account as miscellaneous income in accordance with regulation 5.2 (*c*) of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

5. *Also decides* that, for the year 2000, the rate of assessment for the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga should be added to the scale of assessments established by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/215 A;

6. *Further decides* that, in accordance with financial regulation 5.8, the advances of the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru and the Kingdom of Tonga to the Working Capital Fund should be calculated by the application of their rate of assessment of 0.001 per cent to the authorized level of the Fund and should be added to the Fund pending the incorporation of their rate of assessment in a 100 per cent scale.

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*23 December 1999*

**B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the relevant part of the report of the Committee on Contributions on its fifty-ninth session,[2]

*Recalling* its resolution 53/36 C of 18 December 1998,

1. *Decides* that the Committee on Contributions should not consider further the questions covered in paragraphs 69 and 70 as well as 73 and 74 of its report;

2. *Requests* the Committee further to consider measures to encourage the timely, full and unconditional payment of assessed contributions and to make appropriate recommendations, pursuant to its general mandate under paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 14 A (I) of 13 February 1946.

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[2] Ibid., *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/54/11), chap. IV, sect. C.

## C

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 50/207 B of 11 April 1996, 52/215 B of 22 December 1997 and 53/36 B to D of 18 December 1998,

*Having considered* the relevant parts of the report of the Committee on Contributions on its fifty-ninth session,[3]

*Reaffirming* the obligation of all Member States to bear the expenses of the United Nations, as apportioned by the General Assembly, in conformity with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Reaffirming also* the fundamental principle that the expenses of the Organization should be apportioned among Member States broadly according to their capacity to pay, as specified in rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

1. *Urges* all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions, to prevent financial difficulties for the United Nations;

2. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

3. *Urges* all Member States in arrears requesting exemption under Article 19 of the Charter to provide the fullest possible supporting information, including information on economic aggregates, government revenues and expenditure, foreign exchange resources, indebtedness, difficulties in meeting domestic or international financial obligations and any other information that might support the claim that failure to make necessary payments had been attributable to conditions beyond the control of the Member States;

4. *Decides* that requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter must be submitted by Member States to the President of the General Assembly at least two weeks before the session of the Committee, so as to ensure a complete review of the requests.

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[3] Ibid., sects. A and B.

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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/677)*]

### 54/238. United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 1999[1] and other related reports,[2]

*Reaffirming its commitment* to a single, unified United Nations common system as the cornerstone for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system,

*Convinced* that the common system constitutes the best instrument to secure staff of the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity for the international civil service, as stipulated under the Charter of the United Nations,

*Reaffirming* the central role of the Commission in the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system,

*Reaffirming also* the statute of the Commission,

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth-fourth Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/54/30).

[2] A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24.

I

## CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF STAFF IN THE PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES

### A. *Noblemaire principle and its application*

*Recalling* its resolution 44/198 of 21 December 1989 and other relevant resolutions,

1. *Reaffirms* the continued application of the Noblemaire principle;

2. *Also reaffirms* the need to continue to ensure the competitiveness of the conditions of service of the common system;

### B. *Evolution of the margin*

*Recalling* section I.B of its resolution 52/216 of 22 December 1997 and the standing mandate from the General Assembly, in which the Commission is requested to continue its review of the relationship between the net remuneration of the United Nations staff in the Professional and higher categories in New York and that of the comparator civil service (the United States federal civil service) employees in comparable positions in Washington, D.C. (referred to as "the margin"),

*Recalling also* section IX, paragraph 3, of its resolution 46/191 A of 20 December 1991, in which it requested the Commission to include in its work a review of the differences between the United Nations and the United States net remuneration at individual grade levels,

*Recalling further* section II.B, paragraph 3, of its resolution 48/224 of 23 December 1993, wherein it considered that the Commission should address the imbalance in the United Nations/United States remuneration ratios in the context of overall margin considerations,

1. *Notes* the view of the Commission that, bearing in mind the imbalance in the margin levels, a recommendation for a differentiated salary increase by grades would need to be submitted to the General Assembly at the time of any future recommendation for a real salary increase;

2. *Also notes* that the margin between the net remuneration of United Nations staff in grades P-1 to D-2 in New York and that of officials in comparable positions in the United States federal civil service for 1999 is 114.1;

### C. *Base/floor salary scale*

*Recalling* section I.H of its resolution 44/198, by which it established a floor net salary level for staff in the Professional and higher categories by reference to the corresponding base net salary levels of officials in comparable positions serving at the base city of the comparator civil service (the United States federal civil service),

1. *Approves*, with effect from 1 March 2000, the revised base scale of gross and net salaries for staff in the Professional and higher categories, contained in annex I to the present resolution, and the

consequential amendment to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations, as reflected in section A of annex II to the present resolution;

2. *Decides* that, with effect from 1 March 2000, the staff assessment amounts at various grades and steps for those receiving remuneration at the single rate will be determined in accordance with the procedure outlined in section B of annex II to the present resolution;

D. *Post adjustment at Geneva*

*Recalling* section I.B of its resolution 50/208 of 23 December 1995, section I.E of its resolution 51/216 of 18 December 1996, section I.D of its resolution 52/216 and section I.G of its resolution 53/209 of 18 December 1998, related to the establishment of a single post adjustment index in respect of staff members whose duty station is Geneva,

1. *Takes note* of the views and conclusions of the Commission contained in paragraphs 36 and 37 of its report;[1]

2. *Reiterates its request* to the Commission to prepare a comprehensive review of the post adjustment system along the lines requested in section I.G of resolution 53/209 and to include in that report indicative statistics and its views on legal and administrative aspects of the following options:

(*a*) Establishment of a single post adjustment index based on prices at Geneva and the bordering areas in France;

(*b*) Establishment of two separate post adjustment indices, one based on Geneva prices and the other based on prices in the bordering areas in France;

(*c*) Establishment of a single post adjustment index for Geneva and the surrounding cantons;

(*d*) Establishment of a single post adjustment index based on the comparison of prices of goods and services at Geneva with those applicable in New York (Manhattan only);

(*e*) Maintenance of the status quo;

E. *Separation of housing from post adjustment*

*Recalling* section III, paragraph 4, of its resolution 45/241 of 21 December 1990, in which it requested the Commission to establish a pilot project designed to simulate the operation of the proposals of the Commission in a limited number of duty stations in the field where valid housing comparisons were difficult or impossible,

*Takes note* of the decision of the Commission, set out in paragraph 99 of its report,[1] not to pursue further the issue of the separation of housing from post adjustment at small field duty stations;

II

## REMUNERATION OF THE GENERAL SERVICE AND OTHER LOCALLY RECRUITED CATEGORIES OF STAFF

### A. *Review of the basis for the dependent children's allowance*

*Recalling* section II.C of its resolution 52/216,

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Commission, set out in paragraph 110 (*a*) of its report,[1] that the social benefit approach for the payment of the children's allowance should continue to be maintained;

2. *Notes* the intention of the Commission to review the floor formula under the above-mentioned approach in 2001;

### B. *Survey of best prevailing conditions of employment in Paris*

*Recalling* section II.A of its resolution 52/216, in which it reaffirmed that the Flemming principle should continue to serve as the basis for determining the conditions of service of the General Service and related categories and endorsed the revised methodology for surveys of best prevailing conditions of employment for these categories,

*Takes note* of the results of the salary survey conducted in Paris, as reported in paragraphs 111 to 118 of the report of the Commission;[1]

III

## CONDITIONS OF SERVICE APPLICABLE TO BOTH CATEGORIES OF STAFF

### A. *Framework for human resources management*

*Recalling* its resolutions 51/216, 52/216 and 53/209,

1. *Welcomes* the progress made by the Commission regarding the development of an integrated framework for human resources management;

2. *Takes note* of the conclusions and decisions of the Commission contained in paragraphs 173 to 177 of its report;[1]

3. *Requests* the Commission to continue its work in accordance with the programme outlined in paragraph 176 of its report;

### B. *Standards of conduct for the international civil service*

*Recalling* paragraph 13 of its resolution 52/252 of 8 September 1998,

*Takes note* of the decisions of the Commission contained in paragraphs 200 and 201 of its report;[1]

C. *Education grant*

*Recalling* section II.D, paragraph 2, of its resolution 48/224, in which it requested the Commission to study expatriate entitlements with a view to harmonizing the practices of organizations with those of the United Nations and to make recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session,

1. *Requests* the Commission to complete the review of the methodology for the education grant, as well as a review of the purpose, scope, application of and controls for the education grant, and to report the results to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

2. *Also requests* the Commission, in conjunction with that review, to report specifically on harmonizing education grant practices with those of the United Nations, as called for in General Assembly resolution 48/224;

IV

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION TO THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC ADVISORY PANEL OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the comments of the Commission as outlined in paragraphs 206 to 215 of its report;[1]

2. *Reaffirms* the statute of the Commission;

V

REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

*Recalling* paragraph 22 of its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997,

*Having considered* the note by the Secretary-General on the review of the Commission,[4]

1. *Emphasizes* that the review process should be impartial and transparent, and that the Commission shall participate fully in the process;

2. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the modalities of the review of the Commission, including the proposal of the Secretary-General contained in his note,[4] at the main part of its fifty-fifth session, subject to the submission by the Secretary-General of the information requested in paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 52/12 B;

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[3] A/C.5/54/24.

[4] A/54/483.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include the following elements in the information to be submitted to the General Assembly:

(*a*) Concrete and specific reasons, if any, for such a review;

(*b*) Identification of specific problems, if any, to be addressed;

(*c*) Objectives to be achieved by the review;

(*d*) Possible impact on the common system of such a review;

(*e*) Information on progress achieved as a result of previous reviews of the working methods and functioning of the Commission.

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# ANNEX I

## Salary scale for staff in the Professional and higher categories showing annual gross salaries and net equivalents after application of staff assessment [a]

(United States dollars)

(Effective 1 March 2000)

| *Level* | | *I* | *II* | *III* | *IV* | *V* | *VI* | *VII* | *VIII* | *IX* | *X* | *XI* | *XII* | *XIII* | *XIV* | *XV* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under-Secretary-General | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| USG | Gross | 158 132 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Net D | 108 242 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Net S | 97 411 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assistant Secretary-General | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ASG | Gross | 143 674 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Net D | 99 278 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Net S | 89 899 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D-2 | Gross | 117 550 | 120 165 | 122 777 | 125 389 | 128 002 | 130 615 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Net D | 83 081 | 84 702 | 86 322 | 87 941 | 89 561 | 91 181 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Net S | 76 325 | 77 683 | 79 041 | 80 398 | 81 756 | 83 113 | | | | | | | | | |
| Principal Officer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D-1 | Gross | 103 763 | 106 000 | 108 239 | 110 471 | 112 710 | 114 947 | 117 185 | 119 423 | 121 658 | | | | | | |
| | Net D | 74 533 | 75 920 | 77 308 | 78 692 | 80 080 | 81 467 | 82 855 | 84 242 | 85 628 | | | | | | |
| | Net S | 68 893 | 70 112 | 71 329 | 72 545 | 73 763 | 74 972 | 76 135 | 77 297 | 78 459 | | | | | | |
| Senior Officer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P-5 | Gross | 91 215 | 93 239 | 95 265 | 97 289 | 99 313 | 101 335 | 103 361 | 105 385 | 107 408 | 109 434 | 111 458 | 113 481 | 115 505 | | |
| | Net D | 66 753 | 68 008 | 69 264 | 70 519 | 71 774 | 73 028 | 74 284 | 75 539 | 76 793 | 78 049 | 79 304 | 80 558 | 81 813 | | |
| | Net S | 62 014 | 63 164 | 64 267 | 65 370 | 66 471 | 67 572 | 68 674 | 69 776 | 70 878 | 71 980 | 73 082 | 74 183 | 75 262 | | |
| First Officer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P-4 | Gross | 75 424 | 77 282 | 79 135 | 80 986 | 82 844 | 84 697 | 86 552 | 88 406 | 90 279 | 92 252 | 94 224 | 96 202 | 98 174 | 100 148 | 102 124 |
| | Net D | 56 380 | 57 606 | 58 829 | 60 051 | 61 277 | 62 500 | 63 724 | 64 948 | 66 173 | 67 396 | 68 619 | 69 845 | 71 068 | 72 292 | 73 517 |
| | Net S | 52 503 | 53 629 | 54 751 | 55 872 | 56 996 | 58 116 | 59 238 | 60 360 | 61 481 | 62 603 | 63 701 | 64 778 | 65 852 | 66 926 | 68 002 |
| Second Officer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P-3 | Gross | 61 730 | 63 473 | 65 217 | 66 956 | 68 700 | 70 441 | 72 182 | 73 926 | 75 668 | 77 411 | 79 153 | 80 894 | 82 636 | 84 377 | 86 121 |
| | Net D | 47 342 | 48 492 | 49 643 | 50 791 | 51 942 | 53 091 | 54 240 | 55 391 | 56 541 | 57 691 | 58 841 | 59 990 | 61 140 | 62 289 | 63 440 |
| | Net S | 44 191 | 45 248 | 46 307 | 47 364 | 48 422 | 49 479 | 50 536 | 51 594 | 52 650 | 53 708 | 54 762 | 55 816 | 56 870 | 57 923 | 58 977 |
| Associate Officer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P-2 | Gross | 50 349 | 51 779 | 53 206 | 54 635 | 56 063 | 57 490 | 58 919 | 60 377 | 61 938 | 63 495 | 65 052 | 66 612 | | | |
| | Net D | 39 251 | 40 281 | 41 308 | 42 337 | 43 365 | 44 393 | 45 422 | 46 449 | 47 479 | 48 507 | 49 534 | 50 564 | | | |
| | Net S | 36 815 | 37 749 | 38 680 | 39 612 | 40 543 | 41 477 | 42 424 | 43 368 | 44 317 | 45 263 | 46 208 | 47 155 | | | |
| Assistant Officer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P-1 | Gross | 38 988 | 40 363 | 41 735 | 43 108 | 44 479 | 45 851 | 47 226 | 48 599 | 49 969 | 51 343 | | | | | |
| | Net D | 31 071 | 32 061 | 33 049 | 34 038 | 35 025 | 36 013 | 37 003 | 37 991 | 38 978 | 39 967 | | | | | |
| | Net S | 29 310 | 30 221 | 31 131 | 32 043 | 32 953 | 33 863 | 34 775 | 35 674 | 36 568 | 37 465 | | | | | |

D = Rate applicable to staff members with a dependent spouse or child.

S = Rate applicable to staff members with no dependent spouse or child.

[a] This scale will be implemented in conjunction with a consolidation of 3.42 per cent of post adjustment. There will be consequential adjustments in post adjustment indices and multipliers at all duty stations effective 1 March 2000. Thereafter, changes in post adjustment classifications will be implemented on the basis of the movements of the consolidated post adjustment indices.

## ANNEX II

## Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

*Regulation 3.3*

Replace the second table in paragraph (*b*) (i) with the following:

**Staff assessment rates to be used in conjunction with gross base salaries**

(Effective 1 March 2000)

A. *Staff assessment rates for staff members with dependants*

| *Assessable payments (United States dollars)* | *Staff assessment rates for staff members with a dependent spouse or a dependent child (Percentage)* |
|---|---|
| First 30 000 per year | 18 |
| Next 30 000 per year | 28 |
| Next 30 000 per year | 34 |
| Remaining assessable payments | 38 |

B. *Staff assessment for staff members without dependants*

Staff assessment amounts for staff members with neither a dependent spouse nor a dependent child are equal to the differences between the gross salaries at different grades and steps and the corresponding net salaries at the single rate.

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/678)*]

**54/239. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991**

*The General Assembly*,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Recalling* its resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/212 of 18 December 1998,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for 1998[3] and the comments of the Advisory Committee thereon,[4]

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[1] A/54/518 and Corr.1.

[2] A/54/645.

[3] A/54/395.

[4] See A/54/645.

1. *Deeply regrets* the delay in the submission of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991,[1] as well as the failure to submit to the General Assembly the report of the expert review group on the effective operation and functioning of that Tribunal and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, as requested in its resolution 53/212;

2. *Notes with concern* that, owing to the late submission of the report on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the General Assembly did not have adequate time to consider it properly;

3. *Requests* that future reports on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia be submitted by 1 October of the year in which they are to be considered;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue, as a matter of priority, the report of the expert review group in the six official languages of the United Nations;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to obtain comments and observations from the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia on the report of the expert review group, and to submit them, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly for consideration at its resumed fifty-fourth session;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to improve further the workload indicators and to use them, as much as possible, as the basis for supporting the resources requested in the budget estimates;

7. *Approves* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee[5] on the note of the Secretary-General on conditions of service for the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Tribunal for Rwanda[6] concerning the establishment of a lump-sum payment for survivors of the judges;

8. *Also approves* the budgetary recommendations of the Advisory Committee, as contained in paragraph 77 of its report,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to appropriate, on a provisional basis, subject to further review at its resumed fifty-fourth session, to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, a total amount of 106,149,400 United States dollars gross (95,942,600 dollars net) for the year 2000;

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[5] A/54/646, para. 75.

[6] A/C.5/54/30.

10. *Decides also* that the financing of the appropriation for the year 2000 under the Special Account shall take into account the amount of 2,740,700 dollars gross (2,578,100 dollars net), being the unencumbered balance for the year 1998, the estimated unencumbered balance of 8,200,000 dollars gross and net from the appropriation for the year 1999 and the estimated income of 5,200 dollars for the year 2000, which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

11. *Decides further* to apportion the amount of 47,601,750 dollars gross (42,582,250 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000;

12. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 47,601,750 dollars gross (42,582,250 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for the year 2000;

13. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 11 and 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 10,039,000 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the year 2000;

14. *Welcomes* contributions already made to the Voluntary Fund to support the activities of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and invites Member States and other interested parties to make further voluntary contributions to the Tribunal;

15. *Decides* to continue consideration of this agenda item during its resumed fifty-fourth session.

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## ANNEX

### Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

| | *Gross* | *Net* |
|---|---|---|
| | *(United States dollars)* | |
| Appropriation for the year 2000 | 106 149 400 | 95 942 600 |
| Less: | | |
| Estimated unencumbered balance for the year 1999 | (8 200 000) | (8 200 000) |
| Unencumbered balance for the year 1998 | (2 740 700) | (2 578 100) |
| Estimated income for the year 2000 | (5 200) | - |
| Balance to be assessed for the year 2000 | 95 203 500 | 85 164 500 |
| Including: | | |
| Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000 | 47 601 750 | 42 582 250 |
| Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the peacekeeping budget of the United Nations for the year 2000 | 47 601 750 | 42 582 250 |

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/679)*]

### 54/240. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

*The General Assembly*,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Recalling* its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995 on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/213 of 18 December 1998,

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[1] A/54/521.

[2] A/54/646 and Add.1.

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the International Tribunal for Rwanda for 1998[3] and the comments of the Advisory Committee thereon,[4]

1. *Deeply regrets* the delay in the submission of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994,[1] as well as the failure to submit to the General Assembly the report of the expert review group on the effective operation and functioning of that Tribunal and the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, as requested in its resolution 53/213;

2. *Notes with concern* that, owing to the late submission of the report on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, the General Assembly did not have adequate time to consider it properly;

3. *Requests* that future reports on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda be submitted by 1 October of the year in which they are to be considered;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue, as a matter of priority, the report of the expert review group in the six official languages of the United Nations;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to obtain comments and observations from the International Tribunal for Rwanda on the report of the expert review group, and to submit them, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly for consideration at its resumed fifty-fourth session;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to improve further the workload indicators and to use them, as much as possible, as the basis for supporting the resources requested in the budget estimates;

7. *Approves* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee[5] on the note of the Secretary-General on conditions of service for the judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia[6] concerning the establishment of a lump-sum payment for survivors of the judges;

8. *Also approves* the budgetary recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in paragraph 71 of its report,[7] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

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[3] A/54/496 and Corr.1.

[4] See A/54/646.

[5] A/54/646, para. 75.

[6] A/C.5/54/30.

[7] A/54/646.

9. *Decides* to appropriate, on a provisional basis, subject to further review at its resumed fifty-fourth session, to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, a total amount of 86,154,900 United States dollars gross (78,170,200 dollars net) for the year 2000;

10. *Decides also* that the financing of the appropriation for the year 2000 under the Special Account shall take into account the amount of 2 million dollars gross (1,816,000 dollars net), being the estimated unencumbered balance as at the end of 1999 after absorption of overexpenditure recorded as at the end of 1998 for the biennium 1998-1999, which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

11. *Decides further* to apportion the amount of 42,077,450 dollars gross (38,177,100 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000;

12. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 42,077,450 dollars gross (38,177,100 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for the year 2000;

13. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 11 and 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 7,800,700 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the year 2000;

14. *Welcomes* contributions already made to the Voluntary Fund to support the activities of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, and invites Member States and other interested parties to make further voluntary contributions to the Tribunal;

15. *Decides* to continue consideration of this agenda item during its resumed fifty-fourth session.

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*23 December 1999*

## ANNEX

**Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994**

| | *Gross* | *Net* |
|---|---|---|
| | *(United States dollars)* | |
| Appropriation for the year 2000 | 86 154 900 | 78 170 200 |
| Less: | | |
| Estimated unencumbered balance as at the end of 1999 after absorption of overexpenditure recorded as at the end of 1998 | (2 000 000) | (1 816 000) |
| Balance to be assessed for the year 2000 | 84 154 900 | 76 354 200 |
| Including: | | |
| Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000 | 42 077 450 | 38 177 100 |
| Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the peacekeeping budget of the United Nations for the year 2000 | 42 077 450 | 38 177 100 |

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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/686)*]

### 54/241. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Bearing in mind* Security Council resolutions 1181 (1998) of 13 July 1998, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone, 1260 (1999) of 20 August 1999, by which the Council authorized the provisional expansion of the Observer Mission, and 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for an initial period of six months,

*Recalling* its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the Observer Mission,

*Reaffirming* that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations, and

[1] A/53/454/Add.1, A/54/455 and A/54/633.

[2] A/54/490 and A/54/647.

recognizing that the costs of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone are also to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter,

*Recalling* its previous decision concerning the Observer Mission, and recognizing that, with regard to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

*Taking into account* the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

*Bearing in mind* the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

*Noting with appreciation* that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone,

*Mindful* of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone as at 30 November 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 1.2 million United States dollars, representing 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 37 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission and to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone in full and on time;

4. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the United

Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and for this purpose requests the Secretary-General to speed up the implementation of the asset management system at all peacekeeping missions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/1 of 15 October 1997;

8. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the experience gained in the use of resident auditors in peacekeeping missions and the implications of the implementation of the recommendation of the Office of Internal Oversight Services referred to in paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[3]

10. *Notes* that a technical assessment mission will be undertaken to assess the needs relating to mine clearance, and requests that the necessary funding for operational demining needs be made available for these activities;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

13. *Decides* to continue to use the Special Account established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/29 for the Observer Mission, for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone beginning 22 October 1999;

14. *Decides also* to appropriate the amount of 200 million dollars gross (197,765,100 dollars net) for the maintenance and provisional expansion of the Observer Mission and the establishment and maintenance of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 52,971,600 dollars gross (52,687,600 dollars net) previously authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of peacekeeping operations;

15. *Decides further*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 161,666,667 dollars gross (159,860,123 dollars net) for the Observer Mission and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 1999 to 21 April 2000 in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, 50/451 B of 23 December 1995 and 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

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[3] A/54/647.

16. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,806,544 dollars approved for the Observer Mission and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 1999 to 21 April 2000;

17. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 38,333,333 dollars gross (37,904,977 dollars net) among Member States for the period from 22 April to 30 June 2000 for the maintenance of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone at a monthly rate of 16,666,667 dollars gross (16,480,425 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A and 54/237 A, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 21 April 2000;

18. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 428,356 dollars approved for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 22 April to 30 June 2000;

19. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

22. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-fourth session the agenda items entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone" and "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/684)*]

### 54/242. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its decision 49/470 of 23 December 1994,

1. *Decides* that, from the date of adoption of the present resolution and without prejudice to the relevant financial regulations and rules of the United Nations, all financial contributions of Belarus and Ukraine to the Organization, including those for which assessments were issued prior to 1996, shall be taken into account when determining whether the amount of their arrears, as calculated in accordance with decision 49/470, equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from Belarus and Ukraine for the preceding two full years in accordance with Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Emphasizes* that this decision shall not exempt Belarus and Ukraine from their obligation to pay all outstanding contributions, and calls upon Belarus and Ukraine to make proposals for the treatment of their arrears concerning the financing of peacekeeping operations;

3. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.

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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/684)*]

### 54/243. Support account for peacekeeping operations

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998, 53/208 B of 18 December 1998 and 53/12 B of 8 June 1999 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Reaffirming* the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

*Recognizing* the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

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[1] A/54/648.

[2] A/54/661.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the revised post requirements for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;[1]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when submitting his support account proposal for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, to implement fully the observations set out in paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[2]

4. *Notes* that the backstopping activities for peacekeeping operations require ongoing reviews which should take into account the overall evolution of peacekeeping trends;

5. *Affirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

6. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States and, to that effect, that the Secretary-General should request adequate funding to maintain the capacity of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

7. *Approves* sixty-seven additional support account-funded temporary posts for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments not exceeding 3,501,600 United States dollars for the additional staff costs, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the performance report for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000.

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A/RES/54/244
31 January 2000

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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/673)*]

### 54/244. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

*The General Assembly*,

*Reaffirming* the relevant Articles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* its resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994,

*Having evaluated and reviewed* the functions and reporting procedures of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, as called for in paragraph 13 of resolution 48/218 B,

*Reaffirming* its role as one of the principal organs of the Organization as laid down in the Charter,

*Reaffirming also* that the purpose of the Office of Internal Oversight Services is to assist the Secretary-General in fulfilling his internal oversight responsibilities in respect of the resources and staff of the Organization,

*Reaffirming further* its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and the regulations and rules of the United Nations,

*Reaffirming* the separate and distinct roles of internal and external oversight mechanisms,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 48/218 B, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Also reaffirms* its role as the principal oversight organ of the Organization;

3. *Recognizes* the importance of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in continuing to assist the Secretary-General in fulfilling his internal oversight responsibilities;

*Reporting*

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the General Assembly for its consideration and action, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make substantive comments, as appropriate, on the findings and recommendations, and to ensure that the views of the departments concerned on the recommendations are included in the body of the report;

*Functions*

6. *Emphasizes* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall conduct its internal oversight activities strictly in full conformity with General Assembly resolution 48/218 B and subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Reaffirms* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services, with respect to its inspection and evaluation functions, shall evaluate the efficiency and the effectiveness of the implementation of the programmes and legislative mandates of the Organization, in accordance with paragraph 5 (*c*) (iii) of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B;

8. *Emphasizes* that the approval, change and discontinuation of legislative mandates are the exclusive prerogatives of intergovernmental legislative bodies;

9. *Stresses* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall not propose to the General Assembly any change in the legislative decisions and mandates approved by intergovernmental legislative bodies;

10. *Recognizes* that the Secretary-General can submit to the General Assembly any proposal for change in the legislative decisions and mandates through the appropriate channels;

*Coordination*

11. *Emphasizes* the importance of coordination among oversight bodies, and welcomes the periodic meetings between the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the external oversight bodies;

12. *Reaffirms* that the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit shall be provided with copies of all reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, requests that these be made available within one month of their finalization, and emphasizes the need for comments by the Board and the Unit, as appropriate;

*Funds and programmes*

13. *Decides* to revert to the question referred to in paragraph 11 of its resolution 48/218 B in the context of its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes,[1] and in this connection requests the Secretary-General to update the information in that report;

14. *Decides also* to consider this question at an early stage at its fifty-fifth session;

15. *Decides further* that institutional arrangements governing reimbursements of costs between the Office of Internal Oversight Services and United Nations funds and programmes should be made in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the respective funds and programmes, including decisions, as appropriate, by their legislative bodies;

*Investigations*

16. *Stresses* that, in respect of the investigation function of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Secretary-General shall provide procedures to protect individual rights of staff, including those of staff members making reports to the Investigations Section, and to regulate due process and fairness for all parties concerned;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration and action, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, rules and procedures to be applied for the investigation functions performed by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, in order to ensure fairness and avoid possible abuse in the investigation process;

*Operational independence*

18. *Emphasizes* that, in accordance with paragraph 5 (*a*) of its resolution 48/218 B, the operational independence of the Office of Internal Oversight Services is related to the performance of its internal oversight functions;

19. *Also emphasizes* that the recruitment and promotion of staff of the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and Staff Regulations and Rules of the Organization, taking into account Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter;

20. *Decides* to evaluate and review at its fifty-ninth session the functions and reporting procedures of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and any other matter which it deems appropriate, and to that end to include in the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244".

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[1] A/51/801.

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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/674)]*

### 54/245. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Bearing in mind* Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

*Recalling* its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission,

*Acknowledging* the complexity of the Mission,

*Reaffirming* that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

[1] A/54/494 and Corr.1.

[2] A/54/622.

*Recalling* its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

*Taking into account* the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

*Bearing in mind* the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

*Noting with appreciation* that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

*Mindful* of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

*Recalling* its resolutions 51/243 of 15 September 1997 and 52/234 of 26 June 1998,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 30 November 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 50.1 million United States dollars, representing 40 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 23 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

4. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Notes* the role of the specialized agencies in the implementation of humanitarian activities in the Mission under pillar II, including those related to technical cooperation, and requests the Secretary-General to finalize agreements with those agencies and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the next budget proposal for the Mission;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake the study called for by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the use of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations and to report to the General Assembly during the main part of its fifty-fifth session;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to comply fully with the guidelines on the acceptance of gratis personnel approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/234;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission, and to this end requests the Secretary-General to speed up the implementation of the asset management system at all peacekeeping missions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/1 of 15 October 1997;

11. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[2]

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

14. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 427,061,800 dollars gross (410,091,700 dollars net) for the establishment and maintenance of the Mission for the period from 10 June 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 200 million dollars authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/241;

15. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 302,061,800 dollars gross (285,091,700 dollars net) for the period from 10 June 1999 to 30 June 2000, taking into account the amount of 125 million dollars already apportioned among Member States in accordance with Assembly resolution 53/241 and in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, 50/451 B of 23 December 1995 and 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

16. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 16,970,100 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 10 June 1999 to 30 June 2000;

17. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

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18. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

19. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

20. *Regrets* that the report of the Secretary-General does not contain satisfactory explanations, and requests the Secretary-General to improve the presentation in his future reports on the budget of the Mission and to submit them in a timely manner;

21. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

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Fifty-fourth session
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## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/687)*]

### 54/246. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

*Bearing in mind* Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor,

*Recognizing* that the costs of the Transitional Administration are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recognizing also* that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Transitional Administration, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

[1] A/54/236/Add.1.

[2] A/54/653.

*Taking into account* the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

*Bearing in mind* the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

*Noting with appreciation* that voluntary contributions have been made to the trust fund for the multinational force,

*Inviting* voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor,

*Mindful* of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Administration with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Transitional Administration, and for this purpose requests the Secretary-General to speed up the implementation of the asset management system at all peacekeeping missions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/1 of 15 October 1997;

7. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Administration is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Transitional Administration against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Transitional Administration;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 200 million United States dollars, inclusive of the amount of 50 million dollars authorized by the Advisory Committee, for the Transitional Administration under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Transitional Administration;

11. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 200 million dollars among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, 50/451 B of 23 December 1995 and 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

12. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

13. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Transitional Administration;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Transitional Administration in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, as a matter of priority, a comprehensive report on the financing of the Transitional Administration, including full budget estimates and information on the utilization of resources until the time of the submission of the report, to enable the Assembly to take action on it at the first part of its resumed fifty-fourth session;

16. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor".

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